

*LISTING OF CLAIMS*

1. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger plate for a plate-type heat exchanger, said plate comprising a gasket groove in the form of an indentation that extends, at least ~~across the~~ at a portion of the plate, close to the periphery of the plate and is, at intervals, provided with an expanded portion for receiving a coupling element on an associated gasket, said expanded portion being situated substantially in the same place as the gasket groove itself, wherein there is, in connection with each of the expanded portions of the gasket groove, by cutting and ridging of the plate material provided at least two openings substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the gasket groove, said openings being configured to engage said coupling element, wherein in the expanded portion and substantially perpendicular to the gasket groove there is provided at least one ridged, tongue-like portion extending outwardly from the gasket groove, wherein the openings are located at each side of the tongue-like portion between this and the expanded portion of the gasket groove.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) A heat exchanger plate according to claim 1, wherein two ridged, tongue-like portions are provided at a distance from each other in the expanded portion.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger plate according to claim {4} 22, wherein one ridged, tongue-like portion is provided centrally in the expanded portion; and that the coupling element of the gasket comprises two protruding flaps that are configured for engaging with the openings provided at each side of the tongue-like portion.

6. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger plate according to claim {4} 22, wherein two ridged, tongue-like portions are provided at a distance from each other in the expanded portion; and that the coupling element of the gasket comprises a protruding flap configured for engaging the two central and mutually facing openings provided at each their tongue-like portion.

7. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger plate according to claim {4} 22, wherein two ridged, tongue-like portions are provided at a distance from each other in the expanded portion; and that the coupling element of the gasket comprises two outwardly protruding flaps that are configured for engaging with the two mutually most distant openings provided at each their tongue-like portion.

8. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger plate according to claim {4} 22, wherein the flaps on the coupling ~~elements~~ element of the gasket extend partially into the openings.

9. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger plate according to claim {4} 22, wherein the flaps on the coupling elements of the gasket press on the openings without extending considerably into the same.

10. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger plate according to claim {4} 22, wherein the coupling element of the gasket is provided with a superjacent pressure element.

11. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger plate according to claim 5, wherein the flaps on the coupling ~~elements~~ element of the gasket extend partially into the openings.

12. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger plate according to claim 6, wherein the flaps on the coupling ~~elements~~ element of the gasket extend partially into the openings.

13. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger plate according to claim 7, wherein the flaps on the coupling ~~elements~~ element of the gasket extend partially into the openings.

14. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger plate according to claim 5, wherein the flaps on the coupling ~~elements~~ element of the gasket press on the openings without extending considerably into the same.

15. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger plate according to claim 6, wherein the flaps on the coupling ~~elements~~ element of the gasket press on the openings without extending considerably into the same.

16. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger plate according to claim 7, wherein the flaps on the coupling ~~elements~~ element of the gasket press on the openings without extending considerably into the same.

17. (Previously Presented) A heat exchanger plate according to claim 5, wherein the coupling element of the gasket is provided with a superjacent pressure element.

18. (Previously Presented) A heat exchanger plate according to claim 6, wherein the coupling element of the gasket is provided with a superjacent pressure element.

19. (Previously Presented) A heat exchanger plate according to claim 7, wherein the coupling element of the gasket is provided with a superjacent pressure element.

20. (Previously Presented) A heat exchanger plate according to claim 8, wherein the coupling element of the gasket is provided with a superjacent pressure element.

21. (Previously Presented) A heat exchanger plate according to claim 9, wherein the coupling element of the gasket is provided with a superjacent pressure element.

22. (New) A heat exchanger plate for a plate-type heat exchanger, said plate comprising a gasket groove in the form of an indentation that extends at least across a portion of the plate relatively close to the periphery of the plate and is, at intervals, provided with an expanded portion for receiving a coupling element comprising protruding flaps on an associated gasket, said expanded portion being situated substantially in the same place as the

gasket groove itself, wherein each of the expanded portions of the gasket groove include at least two openings substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the gasket groove formed by cutting and ridging of the plate material, said openings being configured to engage said protruding flaps of said coupling element, wherein in the expanded portion includes at least one ridged, tongue-like portion extending substantially perpendicular to the gasket groove and wherein the openings are located at each side of the tongue-like portion.